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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Reclamation Specialist *LK*

RE: Site Inspection, Unico, Deer Trail Mine, S/031/003, Piute County, Utah

Date of Inspection: November 21, 1995
Time of Inspection: 9:00 am
Conditions: clear and cool
Participants: Steve Evans and Roger Howes, Unico; Lynn Kunzler, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: Review requirements to address non-compliance issues.

Before inspecting the areas of disturbance, Mr. Evans explained their current plans for the property. He will be submitting a Notice for a small mining operation which will involve the PTL tunnel, the road to the escape raise, a portion of the tailings dump, and the buildings and substation that are currently on site. His plans are to concentrate mine ore on site and ship the concentrate to Montana for final processing. This Notice will be submitted by the end of November, 1995. He will also prepare a Notice for a large mining operation (that will encompass the small mine when approved) that will cover the old tailing pond and the past disturbances on the fee property (upper end). He hopes to be able to submit this notice by January, 1996. Mr. Evans also indicated that negotiations between the claim holder (Fehrprop) and the U.S. Forest Service for a property exchange that will involve the area of the PTL tunnel (currently FS property) has been started.

Using a hip chain and pacing, acreage of the proposed small mining Notice and the current disturbance was determined. The PTL tunnel, buildings, and dump area 3.85 acres, the access road (improved width only) and escape way involves 1 acre, for a total of 4.85 acres. 1.03 acres was disturbed by grading a pad area adjacent to the old tailings pond on the fee property. Of this, .33 acres is vegetated with native perennial species. The remaining .7 acres needs to be reclaimed or incorporated into the mining Notice.

We discussed the ramifications of the notice of non compliance that was mailed November 17, 1995. Mr. Evans indicated he received the notice on November 18, 1995, which establishes a December 18, 1995 deadline to meet compliance. Summary of compliance requires either a large mining notice to be filed by the deadline and an interim reclamation surety posted, or having a small mining Notice approved and the excess of 5 acres of disturbance reclaimed. An interim reclamation surety is also required until the reclamation work is completed. After determining the acreage needed for his proposed operations (to be submitted as of this date, seeding the .7 acres disturbed on fee property will reduce the acreage of disturbance to less than 5 acres. Mr. Evans agreed to have this seeded (a seed mix recommendation was provided) by December 1, 1995. Assuming the Notice can be approved for the PTL tunnel, dump area, road and escape raise, this will bring this site into compliance.

cc:  Steve Winslow, USFS